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INTRODUCTION: The tone and substance of foreign radio comments related to the situation in Korea appear to have reached a state of temporary stability.

SOVIET-COMMUNIST SOURCES: Still sprinkling their broadcasts with occasional implications of counter-threat and belligerence, Soviet-Communist broadcasts in the main continue to re-capitulate familiar charges and claims about the American "aggression," the subsequent world-wide "protests," and the need for intensifying the "peace movement." Although three new official notes have appeared--from Moscow in replies to the American notification of a naval blockade of the Korean coast and to the British proposal for a peaceful settlement of the Korean question, and from Communist China informing the U.N. of Chinese determination to "liberate" Formosa--the only new substance involved is the USSR's statement that it "will consider the U.S. Government responsible for all the consequences of (the naval blockade) and for all the damage which ensues to the interests of the USSR..." Moscow has not yet elaborated on the meaning of this statement.

NORTH KOREAN RADIOS: North Korean broadcasts appear to have settled into a pattern which includes the following elements: reports of Communist military successes; reports of world moral support for the North Korean cause; broadcasts by former South Koreans who have seen the error of their ways and who advise others to do likewise; accounts of all the benefits visited upon the "liberated" areas and promises that the same are in store for the rest of the country when the U.S. "imperialist aggressors" and their "lackeys" are driven out; appeals to North Koreans for increased efforts, and to South Koreans for active resistance to the American "invaders" and the "Rhee gang"; and reports of guerrilla activities in the South.

WESTERN-ORIENTED SOURCES: Western-oriented sources continue to produce admitted speculations about eventualities; but there is no more consensus than appears in the American press and radio.

OTHER: Belgrade's attitude of impartiality is tinted slightly by criticism of the USSR: "the desires of the Korean people for unity are undoubtedly being exploited by the Soviet Union in the interests of its hegemonistic policy." Indonesian and Arab expressions of neutrality continue to appear.

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